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EXAMINER SHELLY CHASE AT (703) 872-9306,
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Anne Vachon Dougherty 3/24/04
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : February 24, 2004
E. S. Eleftheriou, et al : Group Art No.: 2133
Serial No. 09/902,859 : Examiner: Shelly Chase
Filed: July 11, 2001 : IBM Corporation
 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
 LOW DENSITY PARITY CHECK
 ENCODING OF DATA Anne Vachon Dougherty
 3173 Cedar Road
 Yorktown Hts, N.Y. 10598

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

Commissioner of Patents
 Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension of Time for Response (37 CFR 1.17(a)). The period for response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, which was set to expire on January 22, 2004 will now expire on February 24, 2004. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the one month extension.

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Respectfully submitted,
 E.S. Eleftheriou, et al

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